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### Field Crops

Small grain plantings are continuing across the State with Barley at least three-quarters of the acreage complete. The alfalfa harvest remains active. Alfalfa conditions remain mostly poor to fair. Sheeping off is continuing in western and central alfalfa growing areas of the State. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly poor to good depending on location and elevation.

#### **Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops**

Last week central Arizona growers were actively shipping broccoli, cabbage, greens, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers continued to ship broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, greens, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green and red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

**Crop Condition** 

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent						
	- Percent -										
Alfalfa	2	33	38	16	11						
Range and Pasture	5	24	32	27	12						

#### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending January 25, ranging from 7 degrees above normal at St. Johns to 14 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 84 degrees at Marana and Paloma and the lowest reading of 15 degrees occurred at Flagstaff, St. Johns, and Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 18 of the 22 stations. Grand Canyon received the most at 0.85 inches of precipitation. Paloma and Aguila received the least with 0.01 inches. Safford is the only station with above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data

January 19, 2009 - January 25, 2009											
	Temperature				Precipitation						
					Past	Jan. 1	Departure	Percent			
Station	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Week	to Date	From Normal	of Normal			
Aguila	58	9	78	37	0.01	0.01	-0.91	1			
Buckeye	63	10	80	41	0.00	0.02	-0.53	4			
Canyon De Chelly	38	8	55	17	0.14	0.20	-0.40	33			
Coolidge	61	11	81	38	0.04	0.12	-0.55	18			
Douglas	56	11	73	33	0.20	0.27	-0.34	44			
Flagstaff	37	9	51	15	0.42	0.72	-0.91	44			
Grand Canyon	40	14	57	15	0.85	1.01	-1.01	50			
Kingman	53	10	68	29	0.29	0.29	-0.46	39			
Marana	64	13	84	46	0.29	0.66	-0.19	78			
Maricopa	63	12	81	42	0.00	0.11	-0.42	21			
Paloma	62	9	84	41	0.01	0.01	-0.49	2			
Parker	61	8	79	38	0.06	0.06	-0.59	9			
Payson	48	10	63	29	0.75	1.07	-0.58	65			
Phoenix	66	13	80	49	0.11	0.15	-0.40	27			
Prescott	49	13	65	24	0.14	0.14	-1.09	11			
Roll	64	10	82	42	0.00	0.00	-0.29	0			
Safford	54	11	73	34	0.42	0.60	0.04	107			
St. Johns	40	7	60	15	0.09	0.27	-0.28	49			
Tucson	64	13	80	46	0.25	0.63	-0.12	84			
Willcox	53	11	75	33	0.57	0.71	-0.08	90			
Winslow	41	10	61	18	0.13	0.34	-0.01	97			
Yuma	69	12	81	53	0.00	0.00	-0.29	0			

<sup>1/</sup> Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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